

Merging Air and Space



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Pioneers of Aviation and Space Flight



1903



1918



1961



1962



1969



Lewis and Clark



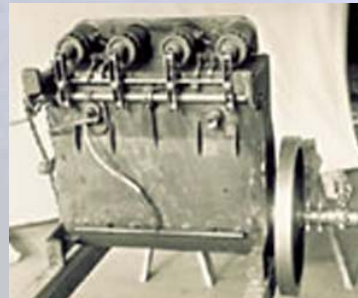
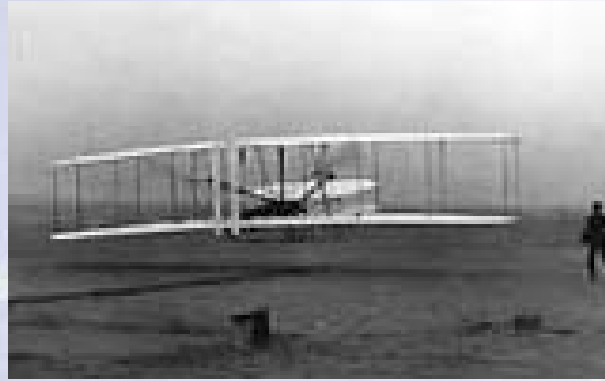
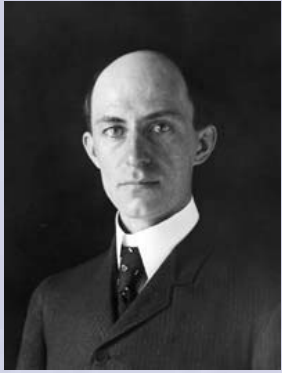
1803



... the Corps of Discovery bound Americans to this new continent with an intensity that safeguarded and defined us as a nation ...

Orville and Wilbur Wright

1903



Pioneering Aviation

Robert Goddard

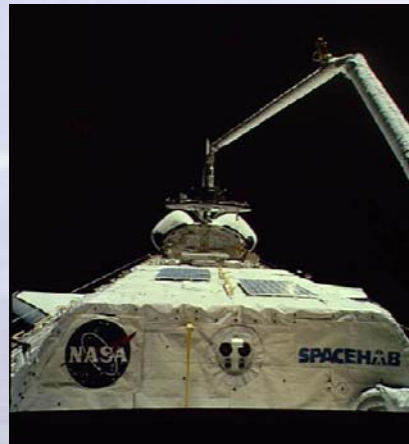
Father of American Rocketry

1926



Pioneering Space

Perspective: Merging Air and Space



National Aerospace Initiative (NAI)

The NAI is a partnership between the Department of Defense and NASA designed to sustain our aerospace leadership through technology development and demonstrations in three critical aerospace areas:

- ◆ **High Speed/Hypersonics**

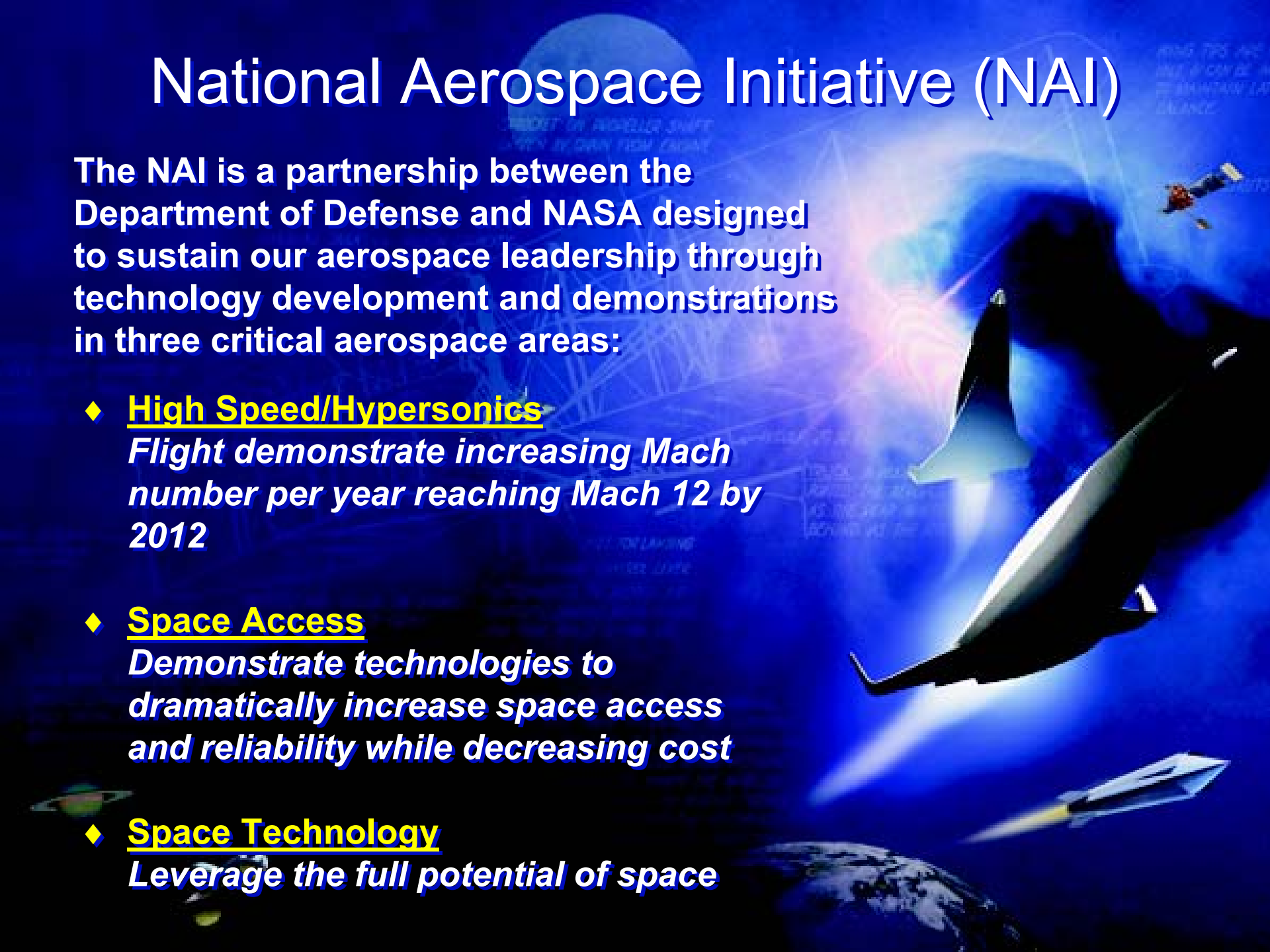
Flight demonstrate increasing Mach number per year reaching Mach 12 by 2012

- ◆ **Space Access**

Demonstrate technologies to dramatically increase space access and reliability while decreasing cost

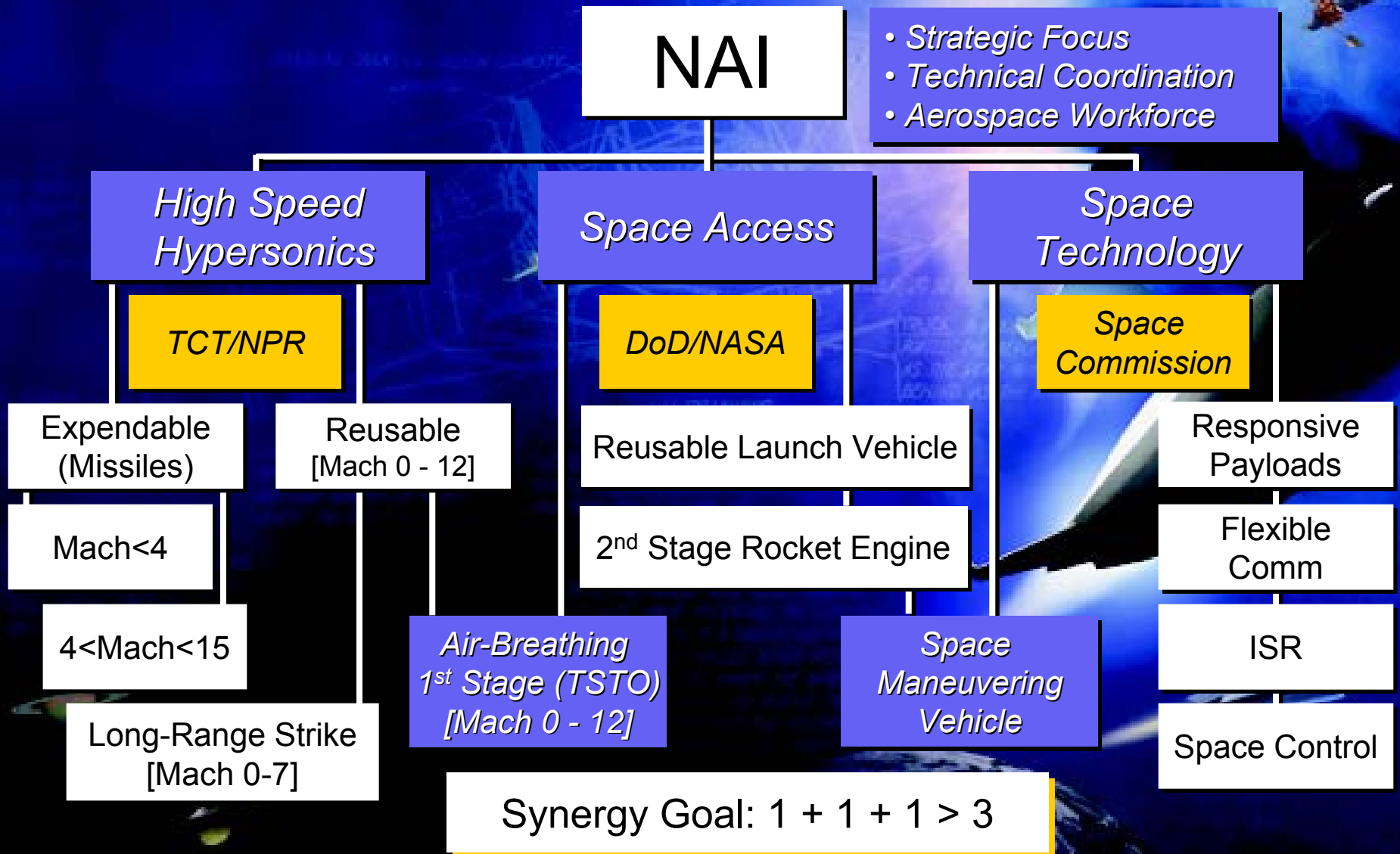
- ◆ **Space Technology**

Leverage the full potential of space



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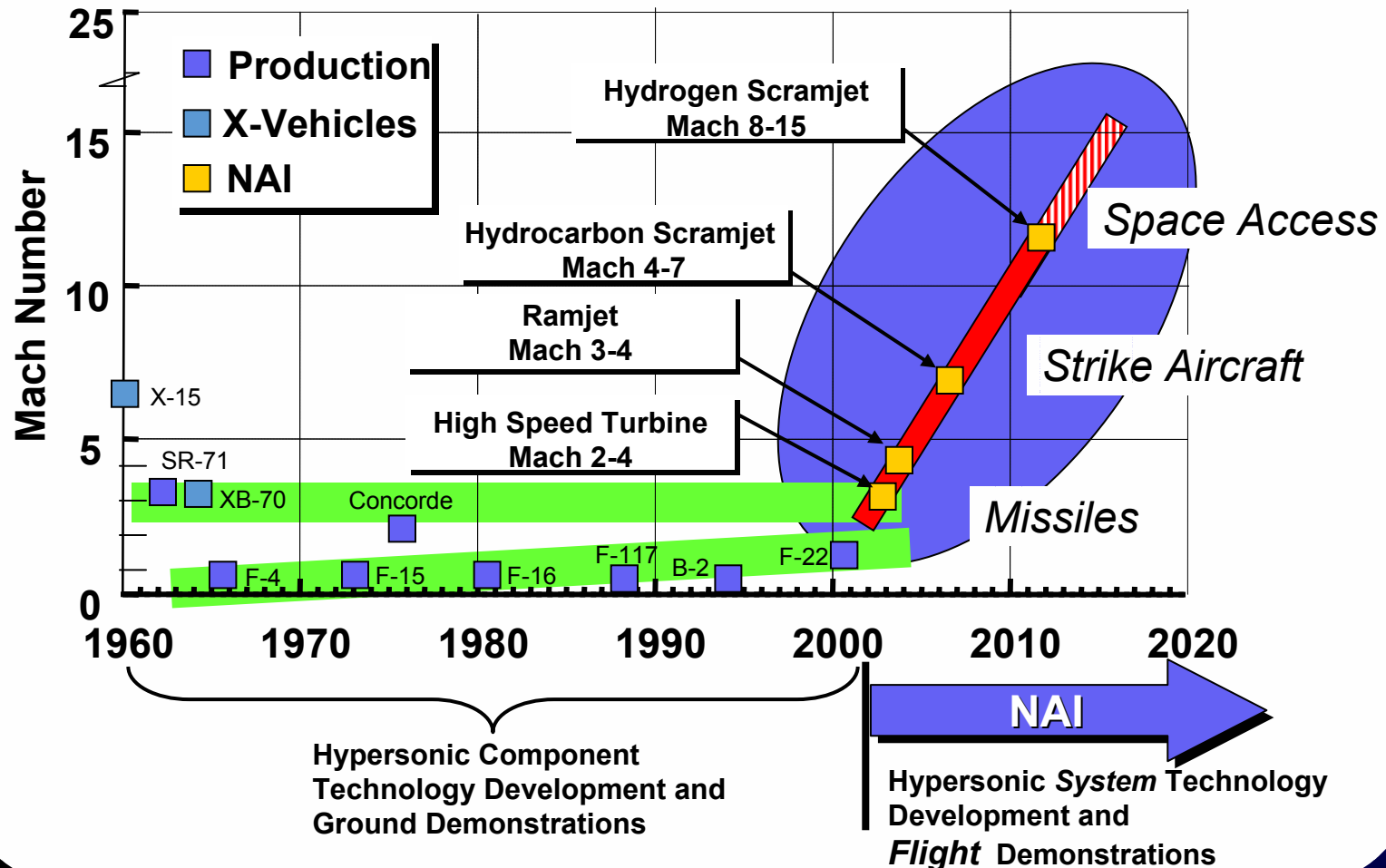
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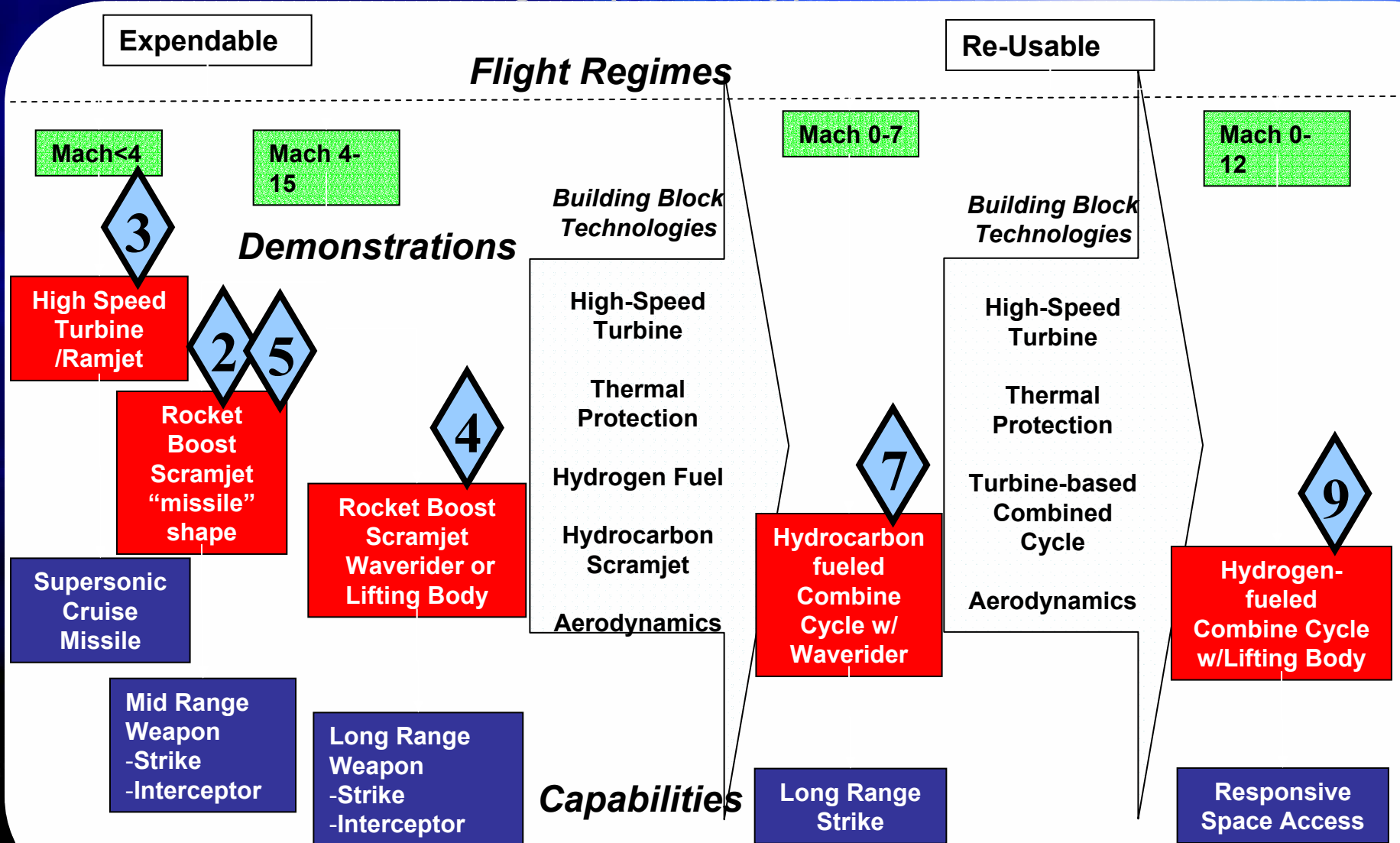
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Mach Number per Year to 2012



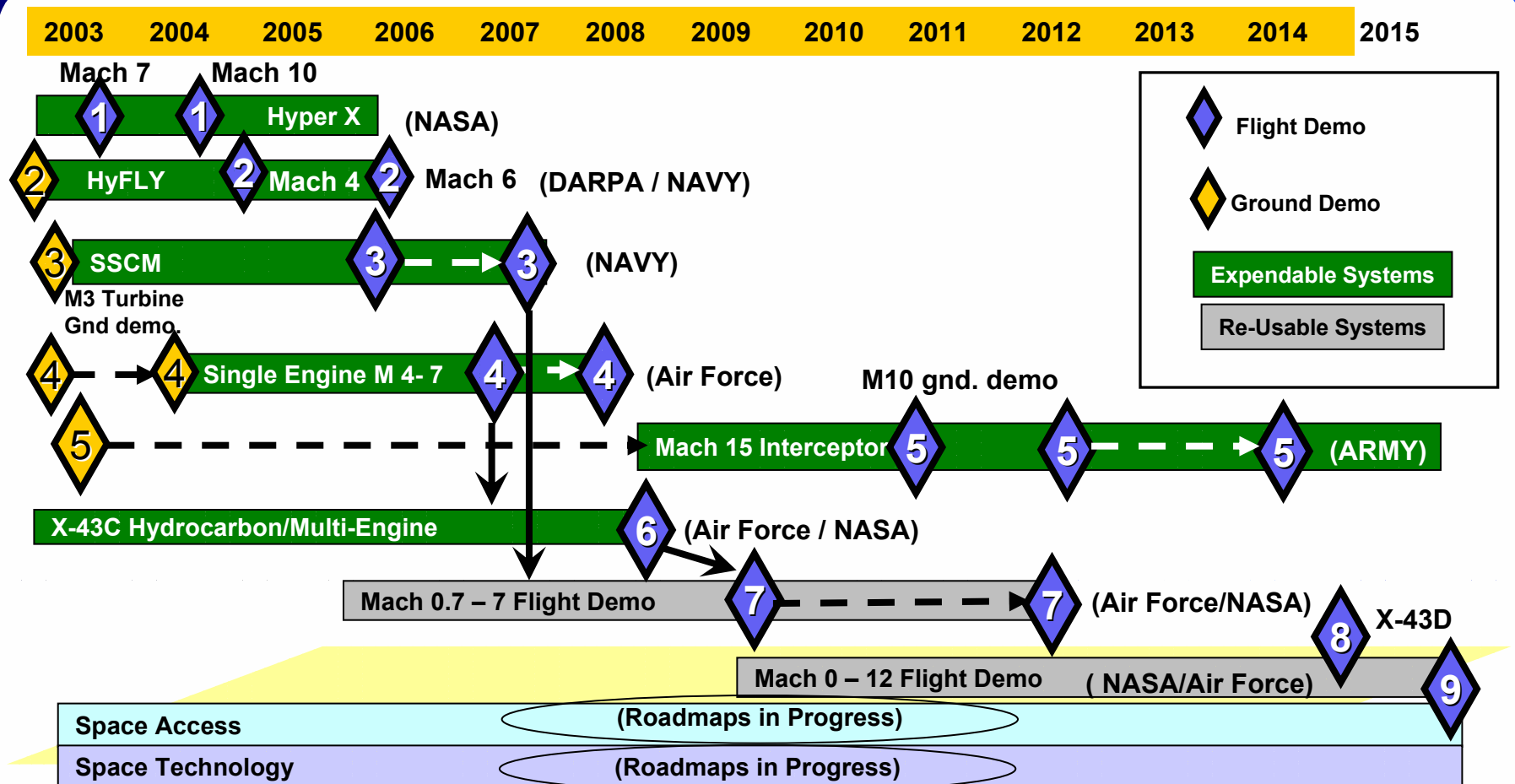
Development Approach

High Speed/Hypersonics



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The Future:

Education



Inspiration



Innovation



Exploration



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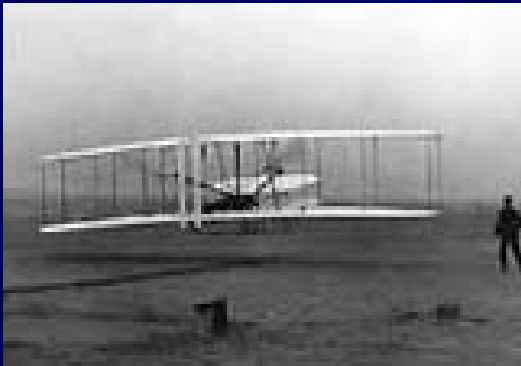
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NAI will boldly push the aerospace frontier further and faster with breakthrough technologies, revitalizing our critical aerospace industry, stimulating science and engineering in our classrooms, and enhancing our security, economy, and quality of life.

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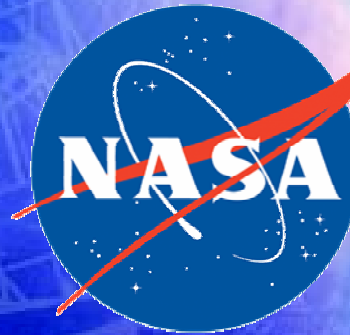


....and Beyond



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